



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO

## Staff Council

**June 2021 Monthly Meeting**  
**4 – 5 p.m.**

**June 16, 2021**

### **June 2021 Staff Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. Call To Order**

#### **2. Roll Call**

1. President – Jarrick Brown (Class of 2021, EEO #3)
2. Vice President – Dr. Mary Kay Cooper (Class of 2022, EEO #1)
3. Jessica Burnette (Class of 2022, EEO #3)
4. Alyssa De La O (Class of 2022, EEO #3)
5. Francly Leal (Class of 2022, EEO #3) - **Absent**
6. Abigail Montanez-Rodriguez (Class of 2022, EEO #3)
7. Bryant Moore (Class of 2022, EEO #3)
8. Micayla Bean (Class of 2023, EEO #3)
9. Allie Beedle (Class of 2023, EEO #3)
10. Rebecca De Leon (Class of 2023, EEO #3)
11. Angelica Garza (Class of 2023, EEO #3)
12. Amber Graham (Class of 2023, EEO #3)
13. Tim Gritten (Class of 2023, EEO #1)

#### **3. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2021**

**Dr. Mary Kay Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes. Bryant Moore seconded the nomination.**

#### **4. Welcome New Members**

**Jarrick welcomed the new members to Staff Council. Jarrick also went over expectations and the purpose of the Staff Council. Jarrick informed the council that “Better Together” will be his tagline under his presidency.**

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **1. All- Staff Meeting**

##### **i. Proposed Dates**

1. August 10, 2021
2. November 9, 2021
3. January 6, 2022
4. April 5, 2022





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**Dr. Cooper explained this committee and what the committee has done in the past. Also, welcome any new council member to join.**

### **2. Social & Community Service**

- i. Memorial Tree Project for Staff Members

**Jarrick and Jessica Brunette went over this committee and gave examples of events that this committee coordinated in the past. Also, welcome any new council member to join.**

**Jarrick also mentioned that he has picked up where former President Miriam Magdaleno left off with the memo to President Cabinet to support a memorial tree garden for our fallen Jaguars (staff members). Once the updated memo has been finalized, Jarrick will share it with the rest of the council.**

### **3. Appreciation/Recognition**

- i. Next awards: August 2021 All Staff Meeting

**Bryant Moore went over this committee and welcomed any new council member to join.**

### **4. Communications/Marketing**

- i. New Members Bio & Pictures

**Abigail Montanez-Rodriguez went over this committee and welcomed any new council member to join. Abigail also mentioned that all new members need to submit a bio and picture for the website.**

### **6. New Business**

1. HR Update – Francy Leal

**No HR Update was provided.**

#### **2. Projects/Events**

- i. Fiesta Door Decorating Contest

1. **The submission deadline is Friday, June 25 at 5 pm.**

2. Winners will be announced on Monday, June 28.

#### **3. Suggestion Box Items**

- i. See supplemental document

**Walking Challenge – Amber Graham volunteered to work with Francy to offer recommendations that could help enhance the program moving forward.**

**July 4th Holiday – Allie Beedle mentioned she is always grateful to receive an email about early release due to holidays but shared that at times it can cause some inconvenience when you have meetings and things planned. Tim Gritten then gave us his opinion on why we**





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might not receive the notices earlier based on his previous institution. He did state that he is not sure if that is the same reason, but the feedback was very well received, and everyone understood.

4. Staff Council Internal Elections
  - i. Secretary – **Francy Leal**
  - ii. Treasurer – **Tim Gritten**
  - iii. Historian/Parliamentarian – **Jessica Burnette**
5. Open Floor Discussion (event ideas, other issues/concerns)
  - i. Monthly Meeting Dates – **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 4 to 5 p.m.**

Jarrick talked about his vision and some programs/ideas he had for this year during the open floor discussion. CliftonStrength is a significant initiative on campus, and if the campus wants to become a strength-based campus, then we as Staff Council should understand and know our strengths. Jarrick also mentioned working with the President's Office to help promote and facilitate power hours and lunch & learns for the campus.

Amber Graham discussed the benefit webinar she attended and will be researching to propose wellness release time for the campus. Amber mentioned talking to Francy and getting additional information before composing a memo to present to the cabinet.

Tim Gritten asked if there were ever a time when they meet with their colleagues based on classification. Jarrick said since he been on the council, they did not but believe that is a fantastic idea and will build camaraderie amongst the staff. Jarrick also mentioned an idea that Hoyt Garner proposed to him where all admin meet quarterly to make sure everyone is on the same page (i.e., BETTER TOGETHER).

## 7. Adjourn Meeting

